

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 544 – SB 1476

March 29, 2011

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005422): Establishes prerequisites, including educational and work experience requirements, for applicants seeking the position of director of a local emergency management agency. Requires the director to attend meetings and training courses, conduct lectures, and attain membership in the Tennessee Emergency Management Association (TEMA). Requires each chief local elected official (CLEO) to establish a job description which shall become official upon approval by the governing body of a county.

CORRECTED FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase Local Expenditures - \$11,600*

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the corrected fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- There is one local emergency management agency director for each of the 95 counties in Tennessee.
- According to TEMA, the turnover rate for directors is 10 percent every four years. Annually, this would add approximately two additional directors ($10\% / 4 \text{ years} = 2.5\%$ percent x 95 county directors = 2.38 additional directors) or ninety-seven (95 + 2) directors who need training annually.
- Directors must become members of the Emergency Management Association of Tennessee (EMAT). According to EMAT, 36 directors are not currently members.
- The membership and registration fee for EMAT is \$50 per person, resulting in an increase in local expenditures of \$1,800 ($\50×36).
- TEMA provides training free of charge, however, the individual directors must choose where the training will be taken. Half the counties will spend \$200 per year in travel expenses to attend the required meetings and training courses, and to conduct lectures, resulting in an increase in local expenditures of \$9,800 for travel expenses.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *No law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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